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On Monday, baseball came to West Sac

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

After 24 years with no professional baseball team in Sacramento, Monday night's River Cats game might have been a reminder of just how gently-yet-completely can the game of baseball break the human heart.

Monday was the inaugural home game at brand new Raley Field for the new Sacramento Triple-A team. The place was packed with 14,111 paid fans. The Cats were down by one run in the bottom of the ninth, but two walks helped load the bases. The visiting Edmonton Trappers were in trouble and the Cats were ready to pounce.

Designated hitter Mario Encarnacion came to the plate, carrying the hopes of the crowd.

For this audience on this night, anything was possible. A base hit could have scored two and won the game. Even a walk or long fly ball could have brought home the tying run. And the Edmonton Trappers' pitcher had just thrown eight in a row outside the strike zone.

Anything was possible – and then Encarnacion swung on the first pitch and grounded into a double play.

Game over. The visitors win, 2-1.

Devastating? Normally, it would be. But not on this night.

David Blake, a River Cats fan, a West Sacramento businessman and Little League volunteer, summed it up for many when he said that, win or lose, it was just plain terrific to finally be watching baseball at Raley Field.

"My heart's not broken," said Blake. "I loved the game. It was worth what I paid for season tickets. My family is really going to enjoy this season – I just love the game!"

There are a million reasons why Monday's home opener (the River Cats have used their parent club's Oakland Coliseum as a temporary home while Raley Field was being completed) almost didn't happen.

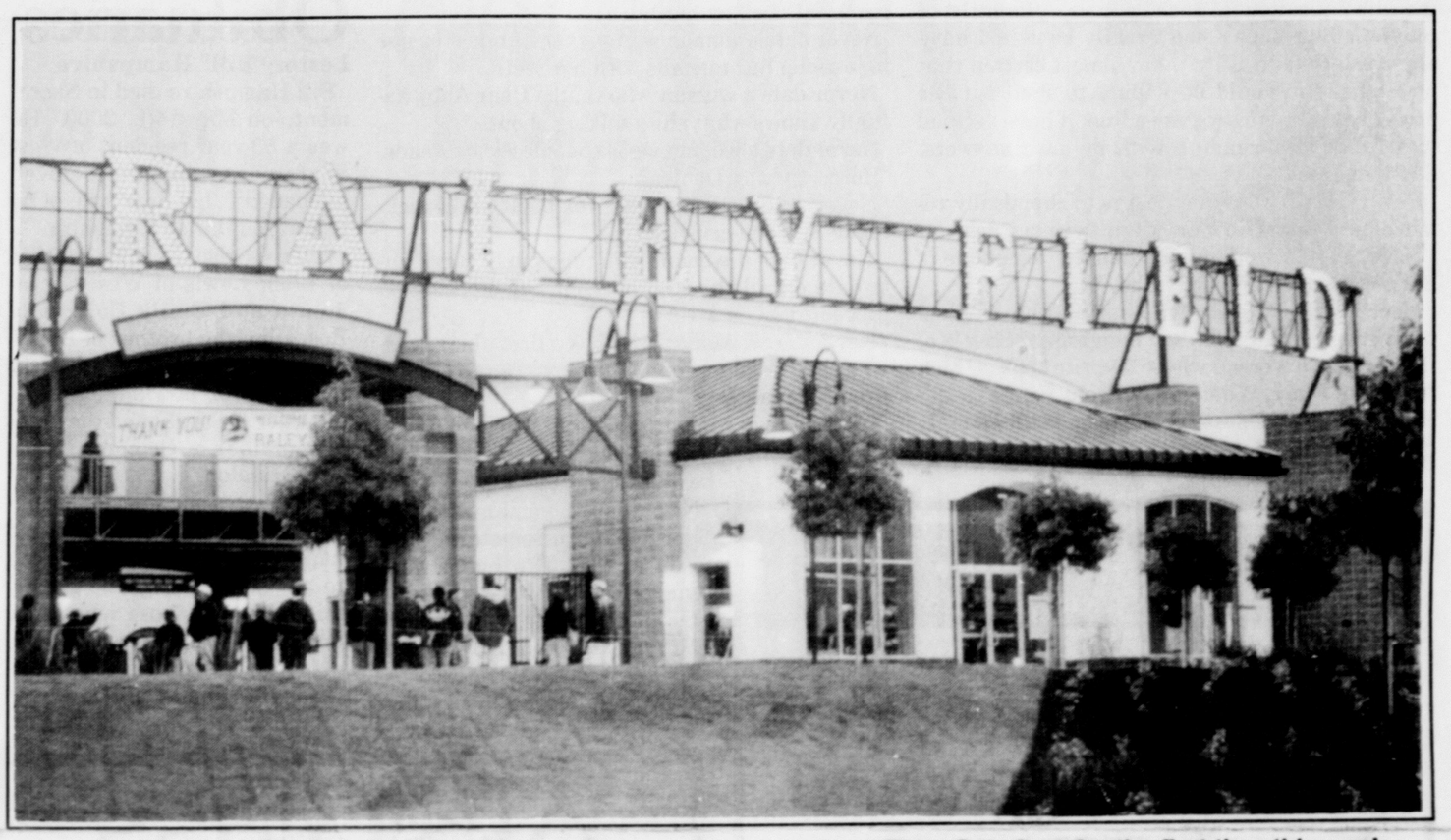
The proposal by River City Baseball Association principals Art Savage, Bob Hemond and Warren Smith to build a new ballpark near the Tower Bridge in West Sacramento faced fierce competition from similar ballpark proposals at Natomas and in Sacramento's downtown. A lawsuit – with sketchy plaintiffs and possible hidden motives – delayed construction of Raley Field. And money was a challenge, until an unusual partnership that bypassed the city of Sacramento and linked Sacramento County, Yolo County and West Sacramento helped put together a $40 bond financing plan to make the stadium possible.

Then construction began, but was delayed by extended rain.

Monday night's game, in fact, was also threatened by rain, which forced fans under the bleachers before the game started. But the weather cleared, pretty much on time. The infield tarp was removed and opening ceremonies commenced, with an actual first pitch at about ten minutes to 8 p.m.

"Are you ready for some baseball?" asked Sacramento Supervisor Roger Dickinson in the stadium's opening ceremonies, to the cheers of the crowd. "No rain is going to dampen our enjoyment of being here tonight, and no cloud is going to cast a shadow over what we're doing here today."

Dickinson joined his colleague Muriel Johnson along with Yolo supervisor Mike McGowan, West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and West Sacramento city councilman Bill Kristoff, along with a host of other dignitaries, in a cermonial, simultaneous "first pitch" before the game.



RALEY FIELD on the West Sacramento riverfront opened its doors to River Cats fans for the first time this week
(Photos by Barry Blacklaw)

Also part of the festivities, three parachutists dropped into the outfield – one trailing a huge American flag. Fifty-eight doves (one for each year since the former Sacramento Solons brought home a league championship) were released. And River Cats players ran through fireworks to the introduction of public address announcer Art Schroeder.

By the time River Cats starting pitcher Ariel Prieto began

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Over 14,000 spectators braved stormclouds Opening Night

ABOUT TOWN:

Hope returns to Ukraine family

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

West Sacramentan Galina Buts was born and raised in Zaporozhye, Ukraine, which is just a few hundred miles south of Moscow, Russia, near the coast of the famous Black Sea.

"There were a lot of coal and metal factories in our town," recalled Galina, "and the sky was always gray and filled with foul-smelling smoke. My father worked in a large steel factory and although he was very smart and always coming up with new ideas to improve conditions where he worked, it was almost impossible for him to get ahead because he was a Christian."

To live openly as a Christian in the Soviet Union during the 70 years of Communist rule was a difficult and often dangerous path for anyone to follow.

"Early in the century," explained Galina, "there were some German Christians in our town and they were so nice and honest and respectful and hard-working that others wanted to be like them. So my grandparents became Christians and my parents also raised me in the Christian faith. When I was young, I was one of only three Christians in a school of 2000. At times it was very difficult because there was a lot of pressure for everyone to look and act like everyone else and my teachers and classmates thought it was crazy for a person to pray and read the Bible after school. I can still remember the awful day the principal made me step forward in front of all my classmates so he could tell them I was the shame of the school. I only had one friend, Tatyana, whom I named my first daughter after, and she was very brave to like me. They were always watching her and making her life hard, just because we were friends."



NIKOLAY and GALINA BUTS

As was the custom where Galina went to school, when the school year was over, students would be sent to work on collective farms for a few weeks.

"The one year I was allowed to go," remembered Galina, "one of the teachers did everything she possibly could to get me to stop being a Christian. She thought once I was away from my family, I would change and be like everyone else, but she was wrong."

Although Galina had always been a very good student, after she graduated from high school, she knew she would not be allowed to further her education.

"The only way a Christian could get into a good college was if the school didn't know," explained Galina. "Since my family had always practiced our religion openly, I knew I had no hope of going on to college."

What Galina did do was get married and begin raising a family.

"My husband, Nikolay, was a steel factory worker in Ukraine and I also worked in a factory as a janitor. We did not have much, but we had each other and our three wonderful children. When my second daughter was born, she had some serious health problems, and for awhile it seemed like I lived at the hospital. Those times were

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Council to consider stadium's sign

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The West Sacramento City Council tonight will reconsider approval of what amounts to a large billboard on the outside of the new Raley Field scoreboard. The advertising was approved by the West Sacramento Planning Commission – against the recommendation of city staff – by a near-unanimous vote April 20.

Voting the lone "no" on the request by River City Baseball at that time was planning commission member Celia McAdam, wife and appointee of city council member Jim Cahill. The commission's approval has been appealed by Cahill.

City planning director Stephen Patek explained why his staff has recommended against the billboard in the first place.

"When the city's sign ordinance was adopted, this area had essentially a prohibition against new billboards, which are signs that advertise products not particular to that site," he said. One of the problems with using the back of the 115-foot-tall center field scoreboard for advertising is "the sheer size of this sign," he added.

The lower third of this sign was visible, covered in plastic, to those attending the River Cats' first baseball game Monday.

According to a staff report, the sign's six advertising panels would add up to the area of about two freeway billboards. The panels would surround a rotatable electronic screen and would be visible on South River Road, the Tower Bridge approach (a "key entry way to the City") and surrounding areas.

Staff also expressed a concern that by relaxing the city's sign standards for Raley Field, it might open the door to demands by other advertisers that they get the same treatment. The point was echoed in Cahill's appeal letter.

"I would appreciate the opportunity for the City Council to determine whether acceptance of the Planning Commission's action would be an invitation to future litigation from other parties seeking the same privileges granted by the Planning Commission," he wrote.

Cahill added Tuesday that he is not already decided against approving the sign.

"I watched the planning commission meeting and felt they just wanted to do the right thing and give baseball what it wanted," he remarked. "I just want the council as a whole to take a look at it and if the council is comfortable with it, then I'm comfortable with it."

The city staff report says that the stadium's project manager, Don Webb of Cordell Corporation, expressed "surprise" that the outside advertising panels were even an issue. Revenue from the advertising is needed to pay for the scoreboard, according to Webb, and approval of the ballpark carries with it the expectation that the scoreboard would include "customary" external advertising.

The council meeting begins in open session at 7 p.m., 1350 Halyard Ave.

City approves purchase of fire station land

From Art Schroeder
City of West Sacramento

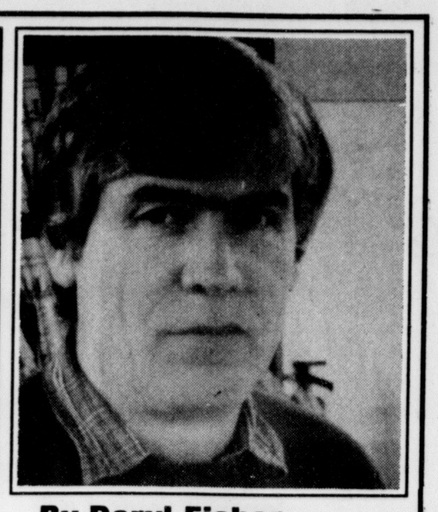
The West Sacramento City Council last week approved the purchase of a 1.5 acre parcel at Jefferson and Lake Washington boulevards as the future site for a new fire station.

The increase of residential

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Before going on a date, you might want to read this

Note: Daryl is taking the week off from column writing. Below is one of his favorites from the past.



By Daryl Fisher

I was thumbing through the Sacramento Bee a few weeks ago when I came across an article by Chicago Tribune columnist Cheryl Lavin entitled, "You should never date a man who...." Apparently, Ms. Lavin often invites her readers to write to her with suggestions on that topic and then she prints the responses from time to time in her column. A few of the "fill in the blank" answers she has recently received are:

Never date a man who only wants to take you to restaurants where he has two-for-one coupons.

Never date a man who brags about how good-looking his ex-girlfriend is.

Never date a man who thinks pornography is art.

Never date a man who tucks his shirt into his underpants.

Never date a man who answers the phone during sex.

Anyway, after I had finished going through the fifty or so reader responses Ms. Lavin mentioned in her column, it suddenly dawned on me that it might be fun to ask my West Sacramento readers the same question (phrased a little differently, of course). But since I don't really know if I have any readers (and if I do, I'm almost certain that none of them would be willing to shell out the price of a stamp to drop me a line), I have decided to more or less come up with my own answers. So, here goes:

Never date a woman who has to chemically remove her mustache more than twice a week.

Never date a woman who has the telephone of her psychiatrist on speed-dial.

Never date a woman who has an autographed photograph of O.J. Simpson hanging over her bed.

Never date a woman whose favorite book is "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus."

Never date a woman whose friends all lovingly call her "Stinky."

Never date a woman who says she is looking forward to squirting breast milk at you when she becomes pregnant.

Never date a woman who won't let you have total control of the TV clicker.

Never date a woman who has her best girlfriend's name tattooed on her hip.

Never date a woman who says she finds it easier to just clip her toenails with her teeth.

Never date a woman who thinks Dear Abby actually knows what she's talking about.

Never date a woman whose business card reads, "Horoscopes by Denise."

Never date a woman whose ex-boyfriend's nickname is "Bone-crusher."

Never date a woman who religiously stays up-to-date on all the improvements in liposuction procedures.

Never date a woman who has a first place mud-wrestling trophy proudly displayed on top of her fireplace mantle.

Never date a woman whose father could fix everything around the house (she'll expect you to be able do all that stuff, too) .

Never date a woman who says "Love-making is something I like to do AFTER I've had a good time, not something I like to do FOR a good time."

Never date a woman who has absolutely convinced herself that she is nothing like her mother (this means she's delusional).

Never date a woman whose favorite television show is the Lawrence Welk re-runs they play on the educational channel.

Never date a woman who swears she'll ride one of those expensive exercise bikes if you just buy it for her.

Never date a woman who has a purse full of coupons for Depends Undergarments.

Never date a woman who spends more than one hour a night on the Psychic Hot-Line.

And finally, never date a woman whose favorite song is "I Am Woman -- Hear Me Roar."

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"Spoken Soul: The History of Black English" by John Russell Rickford and Russell John Rickford.

"Home Schooling Laws and Resource Guide For All Fifty States" by Steve Deckard, Ed. D. (Library Use Only)

"For Reel: The Real-Life Stories That Inspired Some of the Most Popular Movies of All Time" by Harold Schechter & David Everitt.

"So You Want to Join the Peace Corps...What to Know Before You Go" by Dillon Banerjee.

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Obituaries

Lester "Bill" Hampshire

Bill Hampshire died in Sacramento on May 14th, 2000. He was a 50-year resident of West Sacramento and the beloved husband of his dear wife of 54 years, Delphine Hampshire.

Bill was also the loving father of Ellen Lewis of West Sacramento and Emily Colbert of Roseville; the brother of Larry, JoAnn, and Maxine; the devoted grandfather of Doug, Ronda, Jennifer & Sarah; and the great grandfather of Cameron, Kyle, and Brandon.

Bill was a member of Teamsters Local #150 for 40 years and had a green thumb when it came to his yard. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

No funeral services are scheduled. Inurnment will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Raymond E. Drolet

Raymond Drolet died in Sacramento on May 10, 2000. He was the beloved husband of 57 years to Loretta Drolet; the loving father of Sandra (Paul) Garcia of Elk Grove, Susan Mayhew of West Sacramento, and Sharon (Michael) Issertell of Citrus Heights; devoted grandfather of Jerry (Lisa) Shaver, Kimberly Helzer, Michelle Baetge, Heather Mayhew, Brian (Felicia) Rutschmann and Brandon (Crystal) Rutschmann; great-grandfather of Joshua & Jonathon Shaver, Keith & Kelli Helzer, Sarah, emily & Baby Rutschmann, Cody Baetge, and Andrew Rutschmann.

Ray was a member of Par 3 & Greyhound Golf Clubs, a native of Sacramento and a 48-year resident of West Sacramento.

Graveside Inurnment Services were held May 16th at East Lawn Memorial Park. The family requests that remembrances in Raymond's name go to Breast Cancer Research.

Dorothy M. Coleman

Dorothy Coleman died in Carmichael on May 11, 2000. She was the beloved wife of the late Ernest Coleman; the loving mother of Alice Martin, Ann Crabtree, Mary Clemens, Howard Linhart, Rose Parker, Tammy DeWitt, Ernest Coleman, Jr., and Neva Hernandez; the dear sister of Marcia Burkett and Alice May; and the devoted grandmother of 14.

Dorothy was a native of Oklahoma, a 60-year resident of California, and a 55-year resident of Broderick. She was 69 years old.

Friends are invited to attend Funeral Services on Friday, May 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in River Cities Funeral Chapel. Friends may visit at the funeral chapel Thursday, May 18, from noon to 8 p.m.. Entombment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Remembrances can be made in Dorothy's name to the American Cancer Society.

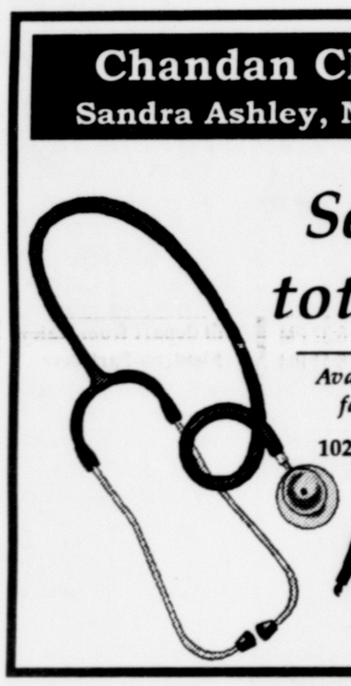
Lela A. Pasley

Lela Pasley passed away on May 12, 2000 at her home in West Sacramento at the age of 89. She was born in McAllister, Montana. She graduated from Bozeman High School and San Bernadino Nursing School. She moved back to Montana where she worked and met her late husband, Robert E. Pasley. They married in 1935 and settled in West Sacramento 54 years ago. She worked for many years as an R.N. at Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento.

Lela is survived by two sons, Grant H. (Dorothy) Pasley of Sacramento and Gilbert F. Pasley of Playa Del Ray; four grandchildren, Mark Pasley of San Francisco, Chris Pasley of Winthrop, WA, Lori (Bob) Maciel of Elk Grove, and Robert A. Pasley of Sacramento; three great-grandchildren, Brandon and Kady Pasley and Grant Maciel; sister-in-law Ione Frisbie of McAllister; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

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Chandan Cheema, M.D.
Sandra Ashley, Nurse Practitioner



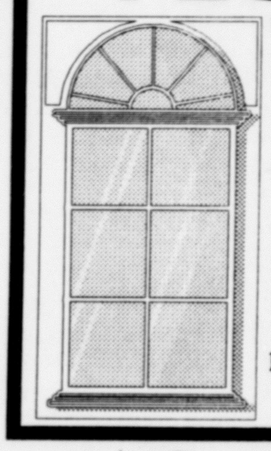
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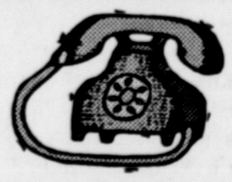
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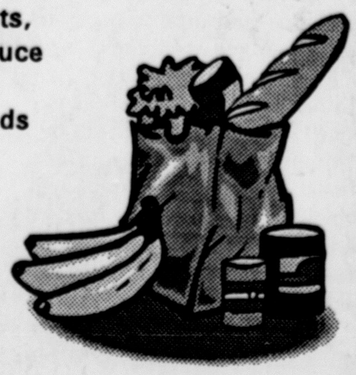
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SPORTS

Raiders earn strong representation in tennis division tourney

From River City High School

The River City High School tennis team had a strong showing at last week's Golden Empire League Individual Tournament at Lindhurst. The league is awarded 16 slots in today's Sac-Joaquin Section Division III Tournament held in Stockton, and the Raiders played their way into 9 of the positions.

In Thursday's G.E.L. singles competition, R.C.'s top seeded Khonesavanh Lattasima won the girls championship with a hard-fought 7-5,3-6,7-5 triumph. Her record now stands at 22-0 and she became only the third player in R.C. tennis history to win both a singles and a doubles league championship.

Other highlights included wins by Ka Yang and Sokhear Touch and a near upset by Andy Amphonephong over John Lester, the tournament's top seed and defending champion from Marysville.

The G.E.L. doubles tournament resulted in all six R.C. entries making it to the semifinals, with Prak Pich and Casey Insixiengmay making it to the finals in boys doubles. Sisavat Phouanglasy and Viengkham Amphonephong also played well in their matches.

In mixed doubles, Touch and teammate Sokpin Phoung had outstanding matches, as did the Raider pair of Amphonephong and Michelle Jones. In the girls doubles event, an all-Raider final took place between the teams of Erin Cheechov and Keonakone Lattisima and Ka Yang and Khounthavy Montry, with Cheechov and Lattisima prevailing.

In today's tournament in Stockton, the G.E.L.'s best will be up against their counterparts from five other Sac-Joaquin Section Division III leagues. The team playoffs begin tomorrow but River City has earned a first round and the Raiders will host a quarterfinal match next Tuesday afternoon, May 23rd against an opponent that has yet to be determined.

Box score: Hits, runs and at-bats for Monday's River Cats opener

Sacramento River Cats 2000
Edmonton Trappers at Sacramento RiverCats
May 15, 2000 at W. Sacramento, Calif (Raley Field)

Edmonton Trappers 2 (15-17)

	AB	R	H	RBI
TOLENTINO cf	3	0	0	0
LUULOA 2b	4	0	0	0
BARNES 1b	3	0	0	0
STONER dh	4	0	0	0
DECKER c	3	1	0	0
MORGAN lf	4	1	2	0
BURKE, J. 3b	3	0	1	0
MURPHY, N. rf	3	0	0	0
JOHNSON, K. ss	3	0	1	1
ETHERTON p	0	0	0	0
MINTZ p	0	0	0	0
POTE p	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	30	2	4	1

Sacramento RiverCats 1 (22-16)

	AB	R	H	RBI
MENECHINO 3b	3	0	0	0
VAZ rf	4	0	0	0
PIATT lf	4	0	0	0
ORTIZ ss	4	1	3	1
ARDOIN 1b	3	0	0	0
PORTER cf	3	0	1	0
HINCH c	3	0	1	0
ENCARNACIONM dh	4	0	1	0
ESPADA 2b	3	0	1	0
PRIETO p	0	0	0	0
HARVILLE p	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	31	1	7	1

Score by innings:		R	H	E
Edmonton Trappers	000 101 000 -	2	4	0
Sacramento RiverCats	000 001 000 -	1	7	3

Raiders square off in annual strength contest

(River City student Olivia DeMars provided the information for this report.)

Last Friday night, River City High School held its annual Power Lifter of the Year competition. Both male and female River City weightlifters squared off in four separate divisions with the following results:

In the Open Weight Division for girls, Alex Lokteff benched 125 pounds, squat lifted 300 pounds, and dead lifted 280 pounds for a total of 705, giving her a five pound victory over last year's winner, Katie Young. Shelley Tuttle finished third with a total of 650.

In the boys' Open Weight competition, Mo Salman finished first with 1,345 total pounds lifted, including a 580 pound squat. Coming in second was Mario Santos with 1,315. River City star football running back Malfred Shaw finished third.

In the girls' Strength to Weight Division, where the winner is determined by dividing the number of pounds lifted by the competitor's weight, Sarah Leisure finished first with a score of 4.4827. Second place went to Andrea Morgan (4.4160) and Georgina Arch finished third.

In the boys' Strength to Weight competition, Bernie Stanhope was this year's winner with a score of 6.584, followed by John Goeden (6.225) and Sam Brinkhius (5.860).

"These young men and women work very hard all year long in the weight room to get in shape to do well in the Power Lifter of the Year competition," explained River City High School teacher and athletic coach Chris Baker, who organized the event again this year, "and I want to congratulate everyone who participated. They all did a fine job and I'm very proud of them."

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Route 39 Southport *	Departure Times		
Jefferson/Devon	5:26 PM	5:56 PM	6:26 PM
Pheasant Club *(west side of Jefferson)*	5:27 PM	5:57 PM	6:27 PM
Linden/Higgins	5:32 PM	6:02 PM	6:32 PM
Linden/Touchstone	5:35 PM	6:05 PM	6:35 PM
Pheasant Club *(east side of Jefferson)*	5:37 PM	6:07 PM	6:37 PM
Jefferson/15th	5:41 PM	6:11 PM	6:41 PM
West Capitol/3rd	5:46 PM	6:16 PM	6:46 PM
***Raley Field** (on Park Ave south side of stadium)*	**5:50 PM**	**6:20 PM**	**6:50 PM**

Route 40 (Counter Clockwise)	Departure Times	
6th/Andrew *(across street from Broderick Christian Ctr.)*	5:01 PM	6:01 PM
Riverbend Senior Manor *(at shelter)*	5:02 PM	6:02 PM
Bryte at Lisbon	5:09 PM	6:09 PM
West Capitol/Harbor *(near Burger King)*	5:15 PM	6:15 PM
15th/Park	5:22 PM	6:22 PM
West Capitol/Jefferson *(south side)*	5:29 PM	6:29 PM
West Capitol/3rd-south side *(walk 3rd to Raley Field)*	**5:32 PM**	**6:32 PM**

Route 41 (Clockwise)	Departure Times	
Jefferson/Merkley	5:25 PM	6:25 PM
Park/Stone	5:29 PM	6:29 PM
West Capitol/Harbor *(north side)*	5:39 PM	6:39 PM
Lisbon/Bryte	5:45 PM	6:45 PM
Riverbend Senior Manor *(south side of Cummins)*	5:51 PM	6:51 PM
6th/Andrew *(Broderick Christian Ctr. Side)*	5:52 PM	6:52 PM
West Capitol/3rd-south side *(walk 3rd to Raley Field)*	**5:54 PM**	**6:54 PM**

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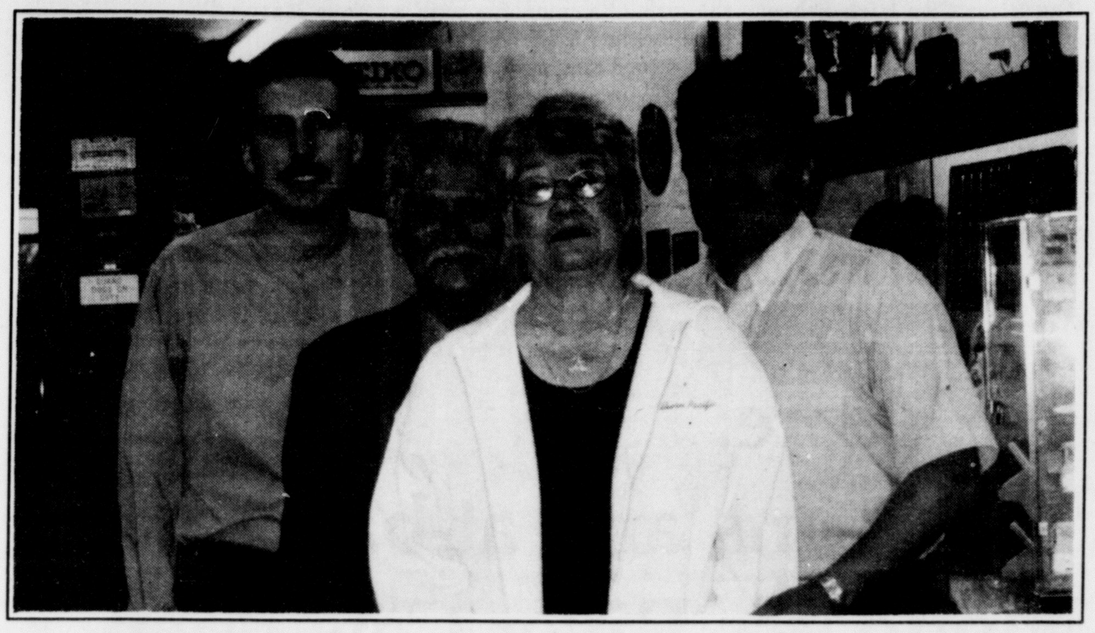
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By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor



CHRIS, LOU, ADELINA AND STEVEN MACIAS

Luis "Lou" Macias grew up in Tucumcari, New Mexico and that is where his wife of 50 years, Adelina, met him.

"Luis was different from all the other boys," recalled Adelina. "He had ambition and drive and he didn't mind hard work. I knew right away that he would make something of his life. Plus it didn't hurt that he was also very good looking."

While he was going to school, Luis worked as a projectionist in the local movie theater.

"That was a great job," remembered Luis, "but I knew there wasn't much of a future in it, so a few years after I got out of school I went to work with three of my uncles in the cement finishing business. The work was a lot harder than sitting around in a movie house, but I got to travel a lot and I ended up really loving that job, too."

Always on the lookout for a new challenge, in 1957 Luis moved to Sacramento and decided to give the jewelry business a try.

"I worked as an apprentice for ten years at Werner Wholesale Jewelers on 15th and I streets," explained Luis, "and I learned by watching and doing. The hours were long, but the work was always interesting and I picked up things pretty fast. To be a good jeweler you have to stay up with all the new ways of doing your job. Things are always changing and you have to really enjoy those kinds of challenges if you want to succeed in the jewelry business."

In 1967 Luis decided to open up his own jewelry business on Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento

"We called it Crest Jewelers," said Luis, "and if I had known how hard it was going to be at first, I might have had second thoughts. We weren't able to purchase a lot of product at first and we had a shoe-string budget, but with the help of a wonderful jeweler named Eli Kitade, who went out of his way to help me as much as he possibly could, the business kept slowly growing and before long we were doing very well."

While Luis was working 15 to 18 hours a day, Adelina was at home taking care of their six children.

"West Sacramento turned out to be a great place to raise the children," said Adelina. "The schools were very good and there was always lots of other young people for my children to play with. I really enjoyed staying at home with the children. That was where I was needed and it was a joy to be with them."

Luis is now semi-retired and Crest Jewelers, which is presently located at 1296 West Capitol Avenue in the Safeway Shopping Center, is in the competent hands of two of Luis's sons, Steven and Chris.

"I learned the jewelry business pretty much the same way my father did," said Steven, "by watching and doing. When I was very young, I always enjoyed being at the jewelry store and I still do. Although we continue to serve people who have shopped here for decades, we also get new customers every single day and it's fun to be part of a family business that has been going strong for over 30 years."

In addition to creating their own custom-made jewelry, Crest Jewelers also does watch and ring repair and just about everything else one might expect to find in a jewelry store many times its size.

Longtime West Sacramentan Barbara Moore said, "I went to school with Steve Macias and my family has been shopping at Crest Jewelers for as long as I can remember. The diamond in my wedding ring is from Crest, and not only do they always do excellent work, but when I walk in the door, they want to know everything that's been going on with me and my family. They really care about their customers and that's pretty rare these days. I love shopping at Crest Jewelers."

Verna Ellis, whose late husband, Marvin, owned and operated Schirmer's Jewelers in West Sacramento in the late 1960s early and 1970s said, "Marvin used to always say that Lou Macias was one of the best watchmakers in the whole state, and certainly the best he had ever seen. He said that Mr. Macias wasn't just a mechanic, but a real artist at what he did. Plus everyone is so friendly and helpful at Crest Jewelers and I think West Sacramento is really lucky to have such a fine jewelry store."

"We've always been very proud of the work we do here," said Luis. "It took more guts than brains to get it started, but God has been very good to me and my family."

Crest Jewelers is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. On Saturdays, the store is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00. Crest Jewelers can also be reached by calling 371-6440.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 6, 2000
File No. 2000-261

The following person is doing business as Parker Enterprises, 1633 Delta Dr., Woodland CA 95695:

Mike Parker, same address.

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/s/Mike Parker

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 31, 2000
File No. 2000-247

The following person is doing business as Immediate Supplies, 2505 5th St. #132, Davis, CA 95616:

Matthew Kynard, 2505 5th St. #132, Davis, CA 95616; Glen Gruner, 4659 Christenson St., Brentwood CA 94513.

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/s/Matthew Kynard
/s/Glen Gruner

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 14, 2000
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The following person is doing business as Argus Technologies, LLC, 2657 Portage Bay East #5, Davis, CA 95616:

John Lopez, 7838 Robben Road, Dixon, CA 95620.

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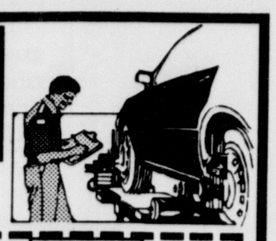
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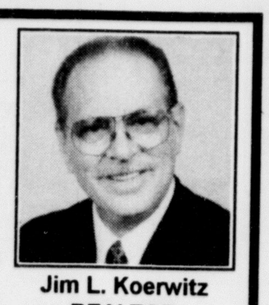
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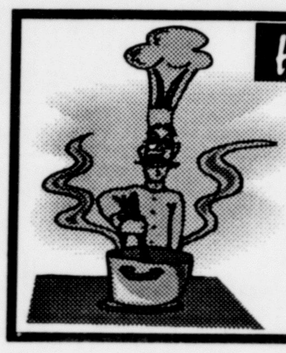
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Date: Apr 19, 2000
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 19, 2000
File No. 2000-300
The following person is doing business as Gloria's Country Care, 34606 State Hwy 16, Woodland CA 95695:
Gloria Garcia and Jose L. Garcia, same address as above.
This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/13/93. Previous fictitious business name number .
/s/Gloria Garcia
/s/Jose L. Garcia
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 14, 2000
File No. 2000-291
The following person is doing business as DLC Trucking, 2024 Aster Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:
David L. Clark, same address as above.
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/s/David L. Clark
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 14, 2000
File No. 2000-280
The following person is doing business as Cache Creek Monuments, 339 County Road 98, Woodland, CA 95695:
Carl Neumann, 36208 CR 21, Woodland, CA 95695; Kurt Richter, 112 Hays St., Woodland CA 95695.
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/s/Carl Neumann
/s/Kurt Richter
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2000-309
The following person is doing business as Lee's Gourmet; Victoria's Chocolate; JBM Assoc.; 3531 Arroyo Ave., Davis, CA 95616:
James B. Moshofsky.
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/s/James B. Moshofsky
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 31, 2000
File No. 2000-246
The following person is doing business as Around Town Magazine, 424 Lilac Ln., West Sacramento CA 95691:
Edward H. Lang and Lorraine L. Lang, same address
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/s/Edward H. Lang
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, Minor.
NO. JR-98-00458
AMENDED CITATION
TO: Curtis Reynolds, Ray Raymond Ruiz and All Persons Claiming to be the Father of the Minor:
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court Street, Department 7, Woodland, California, 95695, on June 16, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Victoria Leah Salazar on May 3, 1993. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.
Dated 5/4/00
/s/THOMAS E. WARRINER
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT
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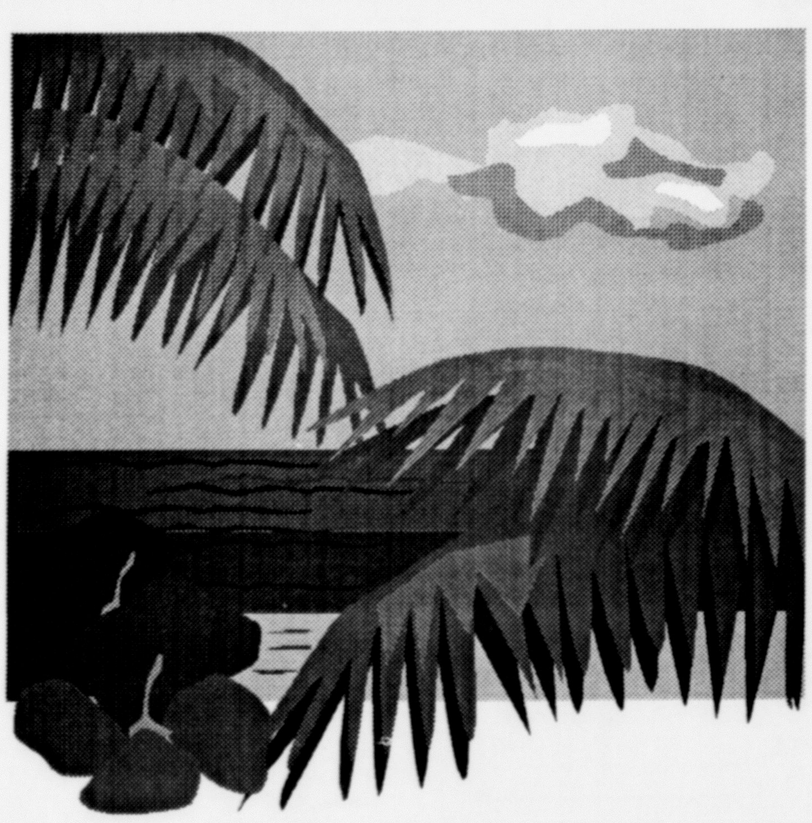
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the game by throwing a called strike to the Trappers' Juan Tolentino, the crowd was primed for baseball.

The verdict was that the ballpark was great. Its food was expensive. And it was terrific to have baseball back in the Sacramento area after 24 years.

The River Cats are scheduled to play tonight and Thursday against Edmonton at Raley Field at 7:05 p.m. They begin a homestand against the Fresno Grizzlies Friday through Monday (7:05 p.m. except for Sunday's 1:05 start time). The games can be followed on KCTC, AM 1320. Tickets are available through Bass Tickets (1-800-225-2277; prices are $5 for outfield lawn seating up to $14 for "senate box" seats) For Monday's game results, see also the box score on page three.

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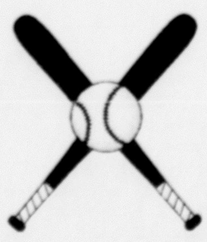
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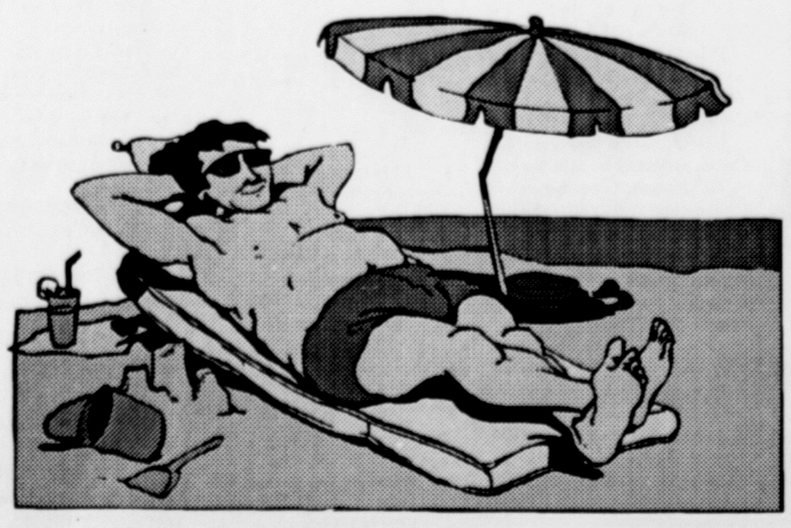
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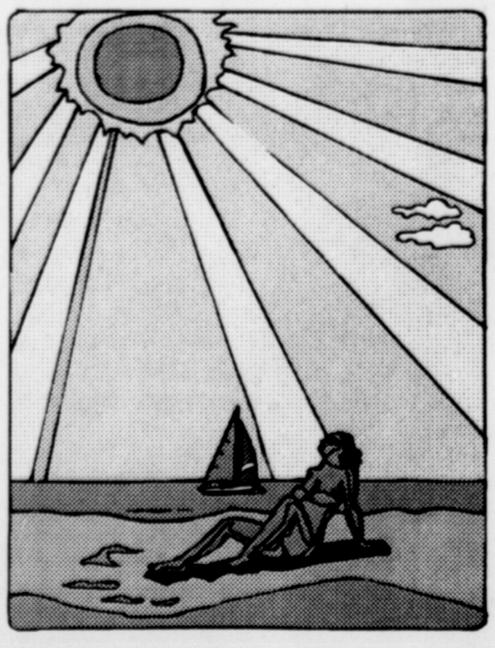






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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Bits & pieces: stadium stuff

Parking and traffic were acceptably handled at Monday night's jam-packed home opener at Raley Field, with shuttle buses and local transit authorities helping to tame the "beast" of limited on-site parking.

Also helping was the use of most of the stadium's neighboring industrial properties as makeshift parking lots. In fact, this use provided quite a contrast. The ballpark itself was new, attractive and nicely landscaped. Surrounding it were some of West Sacramento's older and less-attractive industrial areas. A tale of two cities – both of them West Sacramento.

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A prediction:

If the River Cats and Raley Field do not succeed, it won't be due to a lack of support from the fans. Of course, Monday night's home opener was sold out and the crowd was enthusiastic. And of course, this won't happen at every game. The novelty will wear off.

But even after the novelty wears off, this thing will work. Sacramento fans have earned a reputation as some of the "best" in the nation for their vociferous support of their Kings basketball franchise, and some of this sports mania will carry over to the River Cats. Sacramento is hungry for good baseball, and locals will pay a reasonable price to watch it in a good stadium.

They now have that opportunity.

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Do we need a huge advertising display facing the riverfront area on the back of the Raley Field stadium scoreboard?

Do we want to set that precedent, encouraging another "billboard alley?"

Probably not, and city council member Jim Cahill was right to bring the question to the eyes of the review of the council tonight.

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Letters to the Editor

Dumping ground

Fishing is my hobby, but trying to find a clean area is getting impossible. People use these places for a dumping ground. And when they leave the area, they leave their garbage behind.

I will not go to an area where there is a lot of trash. I don't want people to think it is mine, or if I like the place for fishing, I will clean it up first.

When these people dump washers, dryers, refrigerators and even toilets, it causes more nice areas to be closed. Soon we will not have any places to enjoy fishing.

STELLA STEVENS
West Sacramento

Open primary

RE: Sacramento Bee article on blanket primaries, April 25

As the high court ponders the pros and cons and constitutionality of open/blanket primaries, the Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Peace and Freedom parties have jointly sued to cancel California's Prop. 198, which voters approved by more than 60 percent to allow the same cross-voting in primary elections as has been allowed for many years in November general elections nationwide.

Washington state had such a blanket primary for over 60 years and our nation has several variations between the "closed primary" election (as California had prior to 1996) and blanket primaries. But the main argument seems to be that "those not currently registered with our party should not be allowed to vote for our candidates in the primaries."

If that's the case and the parties' rights rank higher than the voters' rights in the primary elections, then any ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court should also apply the same logic to the November general elections and prohibit cross-voting at those times also. Or do the parties' constitutions specifically allow cross-voting in the November general elections? If so, would that not be inconsistent at best?

The final ruling by the High Court should include: 1) Reversal of California leaders' modification of Prop. 198, which omits counting "out of party" votes in federal primaries; 2) Consideration of the nonpartisan system under which the two top vote-recipients would face runoff in November, regardless of party registration; and 3) Order the same rules for all states' federal primaries, including dates, as is now the case for November elections. An early June nationwide primary would be desirable.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

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subdivisions, industrial buildings and urban uses in Southport long ago raised the need for a centrally-located fire station in Southport. A 1992 planning study by a fire industry consulting firm, Fire Loss Management Systems, recommended the location of a fire station in the vicinity of Jefferson Blvd. and Arlington, at a site offering easy access to major traffic arteries. The existing station at Jefferson and Dais Rd. is regarded as too small and inadequate for effective response to the growing region.

A group of private landowners and the McDonald's corporation accepted the city's offer for the reconfiguration of three parcels off of Jefferson Blvd. north of Club Pheasant. The approximate net cost to the city is $186,000. The new location is believed by the city to provide an adequate size lot to allow construction of a modern fire facility.

"The new station will help the Fire Department address the future growth of the city and the public's fire protection needs," said Fire Chief Fred Postel.

Boxer's Corner
News From
U.S. Senator
Barbara Boxer



Honoring America's Police Officers
by U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

The week of May 14 is National Police Week in the nation's capital and across the United States. This occasion gives us all an opportunity to honor America's law enforcement officers, the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve us all.

President John F. Kennedy signed the law establishing National Police Week in 1962, and it has been observed every year since then. Although the dates vary, Police Week is always a seven-day period that begins on a Sunday, ends on a Saturday, and includes May 15, which is Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

This year's observance will begin on the eve of Police Week, with a Saturday night Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Throughout the week, thousands of police officers, survivors, and supporters from all across the nation will commemorate their fallen colleagues and loved ones with tributes, services, and seminars. On Monday, May 15, the Fraternal Order of Police and their Auxiliary will sponsor the 19th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services at the U.S. Capitol.

The first officer killed in the line of duty was New York Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith, who was shot and killed in 1792. Since then over 14,000 police officers have lost their lives while performing their duties, including more than 1,200 in California. In 1998 there were 156 police fatalities – almost one every other day. Line-of-duty deaths decreased sharply last year: shooting deaths declined by 29 percent, and overall fatalities fell by 15 percent. But even one death is one too many. We must do more to protect those who protect us all.

Today, more than ever, police officers play a positive role in every American community. With the successful development of community policing, officers get to know the people they serve, and the nature of their service has broadened far beyond law enforcement. Officers now work with programs offering after-school mentoring, evening recreation, gang prevention, and neighborhood improvement, to name just a few.

National Police Week is a time to honor those who serve the public and remember those who have died in service. I hope that every Californian will join me in saluting our men and women in blue, the law enforcement officers of America.



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OBITUARIES from page two

A graveside service is being planned for the 17th of June at the McAllister, Montana Cemetery. In leiu of flowers, donations in Dorothy's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Victor Richard Vigil

Victor Vigil passed away in West Sacramento May 9, 2000 at the age of 26. He was born June 3, 1973 in Sacramento to Robert Vigil and Nancy Linda Gomez.

Victor attended River City High School and was an avid reader and fan of the San Francisco 49ers. He also loved to fish.

Victor is survived by his parents, Nancy Linda Gomez & husband David of Sacramento and Robert Vigil of West Sacramento; sisters Linda "Sissy" Vigil of Woodland, Desiree Gomez, Alyssa Gomez and Aprilrose Gomez, all of Sacramento, and Crystal Vigil, Monique Vigil and Falisha Vigil of West Sacramento; brother Robert Vigil of West Sacramento; his paternal grandparents, Pete & Rose Rosales of West Sacramento; and 13 aunts, 4 uncles, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Heron and Eleanor Gonzales.

Funeral services were held on May 15, 2000 at McNary's Chapel in Woodland, California.

Charles Ronald Coleman

Charles "John" Coleman died April 20, 2000. He was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and last resided at the Flamingo Hotel in West Sacramento. His occupation and next of kin are unknown and any relatives of Mr. Coleman need to contact the Yolo County Public Administrator's Office.

Mr. Coleman was buried at the VA National Cemetery in Gustine, CA.

Marvin "Doug" Douglas

Doug Douglas died on May 1, 2000. He was born in Clifton Forge, Virginia and was a resident of West Sacramento for 50 years. As a young man, he joined the military and saw combat on Okinawa and in the Aleutian Islands during World War II. When

he retired from the Air Force at Mather AFB, he was a Master Sergeant with 20 years of service. In 1955 he began a second career as a probation officer for Yolo County. In Woodland, California, he worked in both the adult and juvenile divisions and had a reputation for treating everyone with blunt honesty and fairness. He retired from Yolo County in 1975.

Mr. Douglas is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy Murphy Douglas; his daughters Patricia Jeffries and Maureen DeBerry and their families; two grandchildren, James and Dawn; and three stepgandchildren, Gregory, Daniel, and Brenda and their families. Mr. Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Glen, a sister, Helen, and granddaughter, Jean Jeffries. Graveside services and burial will be in Clifton Forge, Virginia.

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very, very difficult, but life was hard for just about everyone in our town, not just us. Even after Communism ended and religion was allowed again, the government wanted there to be just one religion, the Russian Orthodox religion, and since we were Baptists, our troubles were really still the same."

By the 1990s, Galina and Nikolay reluctantly came to the conclusion that if they wanted a decent future for themselves and their children, they would have to leave Ukraine.

"There is nothing worse than not having hope," explained Galina, "and in the Ukraine, there is very little work, and even if you do find a job, you often don't get paid. People are so poor, and hungry, and unhappy, and many have just given up. It's truly a great tragedy, because these are very good, intelligent, hard-working people, but no matter what they do, nothing seems to change. Fortunately, my older brother was living in America, so my family could leave, but for most, there are no choices, no hope."

Once in West Sacramento, which has long been home to a proud and vibrant Russian community, Galina found that her old thirst for a better education soon returned.

"I had a hunger to study," said Galina, "and I have been taking college courses ever since my arrival. Someday I hope to become a teacher. Not the kind they had in Ukraine, where every teacher taught the same exact thing from the same exact book, but a teacher who can teach many things and make a positive difference in the lives of the students."

Galina presently works as a teacher's aide at River City High School, where many of the Russian speaking students think of her almost as a second mother.

"They are at a very difficult age," said Galina. "Plus they are in a new country, and making new friends and learning to read, speak, and write good English takes time. The two cultures are very different, too, and I do as much as I can to help. They come from a place where everyone grew up wearing the same clothes, the same shoes, the same school uniform, and had the same haircut. But now they are no longer part of a big gray mass. Now they have so many choices to make, and they need lots of guidance."



THE EXTENDED BUTS FAMILY

"Galina is absolutely wonderful in the classroom," said Ellen Cochrane, a teacher at River City who observes Galina working her magic on a daily basis. "And not only is she very good with our many Russian speaking students, but she has this unique ability to cross over from culture to culture, and our Hispanic and Asian students love to work with her, too. She definitely has all the skills that are necessary to become a fine teacher."

Although Galina's life is going well now, she often finds herself worrying about all the friends she left behind, especially those who belonged to her church.

"They are so poor and often they don't have enough to eat," said Galina. "There are no potatoes, or eggs, or milk. No coffee, tea, sugar, cheese. Mostly they eat a little rice and pasta. Only on a holiday would they eat something like a chicken. The American churches help as much as they can, but they can only do so much. Every day is such a struggle for the friends we left behind."

As much as Galina often misses the land of her birth and her many friends, she is certain she and Nikolay made the right decision to leave Ukraine.

"There is hope here," said Galina. "My husband and I can now have goals. There are jobs for hard-working people and my children can go on to college (Tatyana is already there, and Olga and Pavel, who are students at River City High School, plan to follow in their older sister's footsteps). They can get good medical care if they need it. And we are not singled out anymore for our beliefs. There are all kinds of people in America and it's okay not to be like everyone else. Hope is such a wonderful thing, and I know how lucky I am to have it again."



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PUBLIC NOTICES from p. 5

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 6, 2000
File No. 2000-173

The following person is doing business as Court Side Café, 1341 Gum Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Jose Antonio Sierra, 755 Cleveland St., Woodland, CA 95695.

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/s/Tony SIerra

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by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 19, 2000
File No. 2000-304

The following person is doing business as Mando's Lawn Care, 741 East St., #353, Woodland CA 95776:

Armando Gamino, same address.

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/s/Armando Gamino

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 12, 2000
File No. 2000-273

The following person is doing business as Aztec Janitorial Services, 117 W. Main St., Suite 2, Woodland CA:

Brenda Sue Aragon, 33 N. Kern, Woodland CA 95695.

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/s/Brenda Sue Aragon

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 12, 2000
File No. 2000-274

The following person is doing business as Azteca Building Maintenance, 117 W. Main St., Suite #2, Woodland CA 95695:

Joseph Aragon, 33 N. Kern Ave., Woodland CA 95695.

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/s/Joseph Aragon

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 5, 2000
File No. 2000-355

The following person is doing business as Home Sweet Home Daycare Center, 427 Cleveland, CA 95695:

Irene L. Bassett, 225 N. Cleveland St. #7, Woodland, CA 95695.

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/s/Irene L. Bassett

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 19, 2000
File No. 2000-302

The following person is doing business as Mishka's Café, 514 B Second St., Davis, CA 95616:

Armisi Inc., incorp. in California, same address as above.

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3-01-95. Previous fictitious business name number 95-388

/s/Sinisa Novakovic, Pres.
Armisi Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 3, 2000
File No. 2000-349

The following person is doing business as Krone Publications, 581 9th St., Davis, CA 95616:

Peter Thy, same address.

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/s/Peter Thy

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NOTICE OF BULK SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to California Uniform Commercial Code section 6105 that a bulk sale of assets from Douglas G. Wharton with a business address of 1152 Cross Street, Woodland, California 95695, to C.L. Bryant, Inc. with a business address of 237 E. Whitmore Avenue, Modesto, California 95358, is scheduled to take place at Law Offices of Ralph C. Ogden, III, 1535 J St., Ste. A, Modesto, California, on or after May 31, 2000.

To the best knowledge of C.L. Bryant, Inc. within the past 3 years Douglas Wharton has used the following business names and addresses: D.G. Wharton Petroleum Company, 1152 Cross Street, Woodland, California 95695.

The property to be transferred is located at 1152 Cross Street, Woodland, California 95695 and consists of vehicles, tanks and inventory.

The scheduled bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code section 6106.2, which applies to bulk sales where the consideration received by the seller is $2,000,000.00 or less and is substantially all cash or an obligation of the buyer to pay cash in the future or any combination.

Claims may be filed in writing by the seller's creditors on or before May 31, 2000 with Law Offices of Ralph C. Ogden, III at 1535 J Street, Ste. A, Modesto, California 95354.

Claims shall be deemed timely filed only if actually received in writing by the person designated in this notice before close of business on May 31, 2000.

Dated: May 10, 2000
C.L. BRYANT, INC.
By: C.L. Bryant, Jr.
President

May 17

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. 00-00617 Loan No. 7472077 Title Order No. 452404 Investor/Insurer No. 043548559703 APN No.: 058 066 11 1
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/22/95. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that CTC Real Estate Services FKA CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GILBERTO PINEDA AND KATHI M. PINEDA, HUSBAND AND WIFE dated 10/22/95 and recorded 11/01/95, as Instrument No. 95-0024682-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 06/07/00 at 1:00PM, At the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1575 ALABAMA AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $109732.65 It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: CTC Real Estate Services FKA CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, 400 Countrywide Way, SV-88, Simi Valley, CA 93065 Phone: **(805) 520-5241**, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: **/S/Trustee Sale Officer**
CTC Real Estate Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the McDonald's CUP (#00-01) at 800 Riverpoint Circle, West Sacramento. This Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of a proposed drive-thru restaurant in the C-3 PD-23 zone. The Negative Declaration concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/373-5854).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the June 15, 2000, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on Thursday, June 15, 2000 in the interim City Council chambers located at 1350 Halyard Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

May 17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of SUMMER MATTHEWS, Minor
No. JR-98-00229

TO: All Persons Claiming to be the Father:

YOU ARE HEREBY C ITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Department 7, Woodland, California, 95695, on June 28, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. o'clock. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Vickie Matthews on August 18, 1993. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 4/17/00
/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 19, 2000
File No. 2000-306

The following person is doing business as Advanced Auto Center, 1641 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Rommel S. Carlos, same address.

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/s/Rommel Carlos

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 21, 2000
File No. 2000-310

The following person is doing business as John Doerr & Company, 1780 Winfield St., Dixon, CA 95620:

John Doerr, same address.

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/s/John Doerr

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File No. 2000-287

The following person is doing business as Performance Development; Performance Racing Development, 852 Northport Dr. #103 & 109, West Sac., Ca 95691:

Dean Arnold Rockwell, 3442 Bridgeford Dr., Sac, CA 95834.

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/s/Dean Rockwell

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File No. 2000-278

The following person is doing business as Jody's Water Transport; Sanctuary Ranch, 24075 Rd. 22, Esparto, CA 95627:

David L. Kendrick and Jody F. Trotter.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-1-99.

/s/David L. Kendrick

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Filed Mar 14, 2000
File No. 2000-197

The following person is doing business as Dynasty 2000 Records; 21st Dynasty Enterprises, 130 G St., Suite 3, Davis, CA 95616:

Les N. Anderson, Jr., 2121 Glacier Dr. #3, Davis, CA; Levar P. Anderson, 325 Loraine, Memphis, TN 38109; Lora T. Anderson, 325 Loraine, Memphis, TN 38109.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-00.

/s/Les L. Anderson, Jr., CEO
21st Century Dynasty Entertainment

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by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 3, 2000
File No. 2000-251

The following person is doing business as The Dynasty Empire; 21st Dynasty Film Works, 130 G St., Davis, CA 95616:

Les L. Anderson Jr., 2121 Glacier Dr. #3, Davis, CA 95616.

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/s/Les L. Anderson Jr.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 16, 2000
File No. 2000-205

The following person is doing business as Infinite Project, 1050 Lake Blvd., No. 32, Davis, CA 95616:

Daniel A. Villanueva, same address.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3-13-00.

/s/Daniel A. Villanueva

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by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 14, 2000
File No. 2000-281

The following person is doing business as AAA Auto Repossessing, 17929 County Road 89, Madison, CA 95653:

Shannon Hampton, 525 West El Dorado, Woodland, CA 95695.

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/s/Shannon Hampton

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 13, 2000
File No. 2000-275

The following person is doing business as Zamora Sales and Service, 9720 County Rd. 99W, Zamora, CA 95698:

Sulfam, Inc., P.O. Box 1448, Corning, CA 96021 (incorp. in California).

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-13-00.

/s/Terri Sullivan, Secretary
Sulfam, Inc.

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Date: Mar 16, 2000
by: /s/Vickie L. Watkins, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 13, 2000
File No. 2000-277

The following person is doing business as Pritek Computer Systems, 1385 Parkview Dr., Woodland, CA 95776:

James W. Prior (incorp. in Nevada).

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-1-00.

/s/James W. Prior

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Date: April 13, 2000
by: /s/Debbie Holck, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING
JUNE 1, 2000

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, June 1, 2000, at West Sacramento City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard.

6:00 p.m.
Item #1
Zoning Administrator Actions
ZA 00-04 Blackridge Southport Lot Line Adjustment (Parcels #3 and #4, Parcel Map 4445) (JS)

Blackridge Southport LLC seeks a lot line adjustment between two (2) parcels located in Southport Industrial Park. The lot line adjustment will change the lot sizes to 13.08 net acres (Parcel 3) and 7.86 net acres (Parcel 4). Both lots are zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) PD 21.

ZA 00-06 Beazer Homes Lot Line Adjustment (SW)

Beazer Homes seeks a lot line adjustment for 5 lots located on a portion of the Southport Gateway subdivision. The intent of the lot line adjustment is to help Beazer Homes fit homes that conform to the minimum setback requirements in the R-1B (One Family Residential) zone.

ZA 00-16 Ranbo-Riverpoint Lot Line Adjustment

Ranbo-Riverpoint LLC seeks a lot line adjustment creating three parcels from four parcels. The lot line adjustment would create three parcels totaling approximately 22 acres (Parcel A, 6.91 acres; Parcel B, 9.17 acres, and Parcel C, 6.02 acres). The lots are zoned C-3 (General Commercial) PD 23.

Item #2
Riverside Commerce Center II Variance 02-00

VLMK Engineers requests a variance to eliminate the requirement to construct an eight foot (8') high privacy wall along the northwest and west property lines at 920 Riverside Parkway (APN 14-660-11). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial). A categorical exemption has been prepared for this project. APPLICANT: VLMK Engineers, 3933 SW Kelly Avenue, Portland, OR 97201. OWNER: Harsch Investment Properties, P.O. Box 2708, Portland, OR 97208. (TJ)

Item #3
RCS Wireless CUP #99-013

RCS Wireless LLC requests approval of a conditional use permit to add three antennas and two microwave dishes to an existing 150 foot AT&T telecommunications tower located in the R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) zone. A Negative Declaration has been circulated on this project. APPLICANT: RCS Wireless LLC, 224 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678. OWNER: Madeline Rogers, 4340 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (SW)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

May 17

Democrats donate titles

The West Sacramento Democratic Club donated two non-fiction works to the Turner Library in West Sacramento. Randy Cheek, club president, and Oscar Villegas, its vice president, presented librarian Dale Gilliard with a signed copy of "Dark Alliance: The CIA, the Contras, and the Crack Cocaine Explosion," by Gary Webb; and with "The Hunting of the President: The Ten-Year Campaign to Destroy Bill and Hillary Clinton," by Joe Conason and Gene Lyons.



OSCAR VILLEGAS (left) and RANDY CHEEK (right) of the West Sacramento Democratic Club, with Turner branch librarian DALE GILLIARD (center)

Cheek said the club chose the books because it felt the issues discussed in the books needed to reach more people.

"You have a story in 'Dark Alliance' where the CIA under Reagan/Bush was illegally smuggling guns to the Contras. On the very same planes they flew the guns to Honduras, they were smuggling drugs back into our country so they could be sold on the streets of our cities," said Cheek. "At the same time, in 'The Hunting of the President,' we have people trying to pervert democracy. These are stories that need to be told."

In local government

Council to hear Cahill's appeal of decision approving stadium billboard

The regular meeting of the **Sacramento-Yolo Port District's** policy and personnel committee, scheduled for today at 3:15 p.m., has been cancelled.

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in open session at 7 p.m. tonight at 1350 Halyard.

Agenda items include recognition of Jose Rodriguez's tenure as a teacher with the Washington Unified School District; proclamation recognizing CalFed Bank and Christmas in April for contributions to the community; public hearing on a resolution amending the book of city imposts (fees) and changing schedules for various regulatory activities, products and services;

Public hearing considering objections to the removal of weeds; ordinance amending the zoning ordinance; consideration of appeal of the planning commission's approval of construction of a scoreboard/billboard at Raley Field; consideration of authorization to solicit bids for the Westacre subdivision water main replacement project; consideration of resolution accepting real property for the I-80/Enterprise Blvd. interchange project;

Consideration of an amendment to contract with Mark Thomas and Co., Inc., for design and construction support for the West Capitol Ave. bicycle park and bike path relocation project; treasurer's quarterly financial report on city investment portfolio; consideration of resolution authorizing execution of necessary forms for securing payment of state beverage container recycling grant; reconsideration of request for traffic impact fee waiver for 621 Smilax Ave.; and workshop on 1999 general plan update.

A public hearing in front of the **city council** on the 1999 general plan update is scheduled for its June 7 meeting.

'Police Log' will return next week!

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Local Scene

Golf tourney

The 15th Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 4. Non-golfers are also welcome for the associated rib/chicken dinner at Holy Cross Hall at 6 p.m. For golf or dinner reservations, call Fred Pierini, 371-0485.

Indian Education

Parents of Native American students and interested community members are invited to W.U.S.D.'s Indian Education Program meeting Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m., in the district board room, 930 Westacre Rd. New members and advisory committee members will be elected. A public hearing will be held on the program's continuation application.

Pancake breakfast

The Kiwanis Club will host a public pancake breakfast on Sat., May 20, from 7-11 a.m. at the River City High School Cafeteria. All you can eat for only $3 (adults) or $2 (kids 10 and under). Proceeds benefit boys' and girls' programs. Call 371-8937 with questions..

Breast cancer screening

Raley's and Bel Air will join Mercy Healthcare in sponsoring free breast cancer screenings and mammograms for women on May 19-20 at various locations. Women over 40 with minimal or no health insurance are invited. For information, call 1-800-511-2300.

Teacher's retirement

An outdoor potluck dinner is planned for June 11 at Clarksburg Elementary School to celebrate the retirement of the school's 39-year teaching veteran Joyce Ormond. The event will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Bring a favorite memory to be written in a scrapbook. Last names A-G please bring main dish for 10; H-N; bring salad for ten; O-T, bring bread and U-Z bring an appetizer.

Senior spin

The quarterfinal playoff of Senior Spin, the West Sacramento Senior Center's takeoff of the Wheel of Fortune, is airing on Charter Cable TV Channel 21 this month. Contestants are Carole Bonilla and Jane Speed; Dee Bowen hosts; and Muriel Cruz makes her first appearance as Vanna Banana. The show airs every day at 6:30 p.m. plus Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Winner gets a $25 Grocery Outlet gift certificate.

Football clinics

West Sac Football, Inc., announces pre-season football clinics scheduled for May 21, June 11 and July 9; all at the Golden State Middle School from 3-5 p.m. and free of charge to registered plaers and West Sacramento residents. Children 5-14 are invited and may also pre-register for the league by calling 372-3027 or 372-0517. Final registration date is Wed., May 31, from 6:30-8 p.m. at River City High School; cheerleaders and mascot positions are also available.

Jobs for vets

Veterans interested in a job or job training may contact the state's Employment Development Dept. office and will receive priority. In West Sacramento, call Mike Serrano, 375-6341.

School science material

Washington Unified School District is adopting science materials for grades K-8. Materials are on display through May 19 at the Categorical Office, 930 Westacre Rd., between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m..

Workforce Board

Business leaders in Yolo County are invited to join the new Workface Investment Board. The California Workers Investment Board voted early this year to certify Yolo County as a Workforce Investment Area. The county can expand its services to job seekers and employers. WIB members will meet monthly and develop and oversee implementation of the Yolo Co. Workforce Investment Act and the county-wide One-Stop Career Development Centers System. For information, call Will Padilla, (530) 661-2924.

Library expansion

Supervisor McGowan is calling for nominees to the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library Expansion Committee. Interested parties may contact Wes Beers, president of the East Yolo Friends of the Library, at 375-6465 prior to May 19.

Fun Day

The West Sacramento Democratic Club is hosting a free family fun day honoring labor. The event is scheduled for Bryte Park on Sat., May 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A bounce house, games, face painting, free hot dogs, and ice cream and other goodies are scheduled. Club president Randy Cheek said the event is intended to show the club's involvement in the community. Sponsors include Assemblywoman Thomson, Mayor Cabaldon, supervisors McGowan and Rosenberg, the Yolo Co. Central Democratic Committee and local labor organizations.

Be 'scene' here

Got a calendar item for Local Scene? Give us the Who-What-When-Where-Why on paper by the prior Friday for a chance to be published on Wednesday. To assure a chance at publication, submit it several weeks before your event is planned and include your phone number for our reference. Send to News-Ledger Local Scene, P.O. Box 463, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This page is West Sacramento's best-read local calendar section!

Yolo officials search for source of man's fatal viral infection

Victim may have been exposed to 'hantavirus' during travels to other parts of California

A 41-year old Woodland man became Yolo County's first fatal victim of the hantavirus – a rare, deadly disease spread by rodents – when he died April 24 at a Davis hospital.

Yolo Co. Health Dept. officials said Monday they are trying to determine the source of the victim's infection. The disease was discovered in New Mexico in 1993 when several previously healthy people died of respiratory distress. In sporadic cases, 28 people have since died of hantavirus in California – mostly in the eastern Sierras. Until last month, there have been no confirmed cases in Yolo or Sacramento counties.

Victim Alfonso Alvarado trucked hay statewide, and health officials will check farms and other horse facilities he visited for signs of disease-carrying rodents.

The virus is spread to humans through breathing air contaminated with the urine or feces from infected deer mice. So far, house mice and common rats have not been connected to the disease. Early symptoms include fever, deep muscle aches and shortness of breath. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and headache may also occur.

Yolo Health Officer Dr. Bette Hinton suggested precautions to prevent infection.

If entering a room or cabin that has been closed up and shows signs of rodent infestation, she says, you should open windows and doors to air the building out. You should also keep food in rodent-proof containers and keep tight lids on garbage to discourage rodents. Empty uneaten pet food from containers. Trap and remove rodents in indoor areas.

When cleaning up infested areas, don't stir up dust by vacuuming and sweeping. Use latex gloves. Disinfect areas by using a half cup of bleach in a gallon of water, and wetting thoroughly. Remove wet, contaminated materials with a damp towel and mop with disinfectant. Double-bag your cleaning materials and any dead rodents, and bury or burn if possible.

Seal possible rodent entry holes ¼ inch or wider around your house, and clear grass and junk from around your house. For more information, visit web sites such as www.dhs.ca.gov or www.cdc.gov.

City's managers honored

On May 13, the West Sacramento City Council honored 13 of the city's managers.

Jim Elrod, a maintenance superintendent in the public works department, received "Manager of the Year" honors. A city employee since incorporation, he worked with the prior East Yolo Community Services District and the Washington Water Company. He has led his division through two consolidations.

"Management Achievement Awards" were given to a number of "exceptional" managers. Receiving the award were Art Schroeder of the city manager's office; Cheryl Doan, secretary to the city manager; Caroline Quinn, city engineer; Lenard LaChappel, engineering construction manager; Barbara Moore, community services manager; Barbara Lowas, office manager in the fire department; and Mark Collier, associate civil engineer; and Evelyn Ledesma, administrative aide to the police department.

"Management Commendation Awards" were given to recognize specific incidents of outstanding achievement. Honored were building official Bhu Patel, associate civil engineer Toby Wong, administrative aide Barbara Usrey and housing program manager Joanne Auerbach.

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